



FY2021 Amended Consolidated Annual Performance Report



CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

This revised FY2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) summarize the results of activities that have taken place utilizing Augusta, Georgia's HUD Entitlement Allocations from Program Year 2021. The performance report must include a description of the resources made available, the investment of available resources, the geographic distribution and location of investments, the families and persons assisted (including the racial and ethnic demographics of persons assisted), actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing, and other actions indicated in the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan.

The importance of timely and accurate performance reports cannot be overstated. Grantees should strive to ensure that all applicable deadlines are met. Performance reporting meets three basic purposes:

- Provides HUD with necessary information to meet its statutory requirement to assess each grantee's ability to carry out relevant CPD programs in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations;
- Provides information necessary for HUD's Annual Report to Congress, also statutorily mandated;
- Provides grantees an opportunity to describe to citizens their successes in revitalizing deteriorated neighborhoods and meeting objectives stipulated in their Consolidated Plan.

Utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds Augusta - Richmond County, its sub recipients and Partner Agencies made substantial progress in accomplishing the goals outlined in the FY2020-24 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

The following are key accomplishments of the City's CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA programs in Program Year 2021:

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0		2	0	0.00%

Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	75	0	0.00%	30	0	0.00%
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	125	13	10.40%	55	13	23.64%

Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	50	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%
Community Development Strategy	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	100	0	0.00%			

Community Development Strategy	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	7500	717	9.56%	475	717	150.95%
Community Development Strategy	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		25	0	0.00%

Community Development Strategy	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
Community Economic Development Strategy	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	250	0	0.00%	250	0	0.00%

Community Economic Development Strategy	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	250	0	0.00%	250	0	0.00%
Fair Housing	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	500	0	0.00%	100	0	0.00%

Planning and Entitlement Grant Administration	Planning and Entitlement Grant Administration	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
Strategies for Persons with HIV	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1400	0	0.00%			

Strategies for Persons with HIV	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	1700	0	0.00%	50	0	0.00%
Strategies for Persons with HIV	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0		100	0	0.00%

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Strategies to Address Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$ / ESG-CV: \$ / HOPWA-CV: \$ / Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	50	0	0.00%			

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Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

Augusta - Richmond County identified several priority strategic goals in the FY2021-24 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The following highlights some of Augusta-Richmond County's progress in meeting those goals.

1. Goal: Homeownership Assistance: 23 persons were provided Down Payment Assistance utilizing HOME funding in support of home purchases in program year 2021.
2. Goal: Housing Rehab: Housing Rehabilitation services through Augusta-Richmond County's Homeowner Rehab Program, administered by AHCD, remained an effective means of sustaining affordable home ownership in program year 2021. Utilizing available funding, 66 homeowner's properties were rehabilitated under this program in program year 2021.
3. Goal: Increase Housing Opportunities for PLWHA: Utilizing HOPWA funding, 153 persons with HIV were provided with rental assistance through the Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU) program in program year 2021. Additionally, 37 persons with HIV were provided with tenant based rental assistance (TBRA) through projects supported by HOPWA funding in program year 2021.
4. Goal: Increase Provision of Case Management Services: Augusta-Richmond County, through AHCD and in partnership with members of the local Continuum of Care (CoC), have continued to increase engagement efforts with persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness through

increased quantity and quality of case management services offered to those persons.

5. Goal: Increase Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention: Augusta - Richmond County, through AHCD, has increased its provision of rental assistance to local residents experiencing housing instability. During the 2021 program year, it was anticipated that approximately 5 households would be able to be assisted through both Rapid Re-housing and Homeless prevention; performance far exceeded expectation as more than 248 persons were able to be assisted during the program year.

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CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

**Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).
91.520(a)**

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

In addition to the numbers reflected above, 54 individuals assisted in the 2021 Program Year by Augusta's CDBG Public Service partners identified as "Other" or "Multi-racial." Also, 29 participants under Augusta's ESG Program identified as "Other" or "Multi-racial."

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	2,964,693	1,685,623
HOME	public - federal	1,212,984	9,604
HOPWA	public - federal	1,197,825	33,260
ESG	public - federal	2,527,382	1,251,494

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation
CDBG Eligible Area	55	55
Citywide	30	30
LANEY-WALKER/BETHLEHEM NRS	15	15

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

Federal funds were leveraged by additional private, state, and local funds, where applicable. The City complied with all HOME matching fund contribution requirements as outlined in 92.218 of the HOME regulations. These were satisfied with a mix of match carryover from prior years as well as other eligible sources. Likewise, Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) match requirements were met by using CDBG and private (non-HUD) funds. These funds were matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	6,438,090
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	2,015,614
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	8,453,704
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	8,453,704

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match
3215	04/12/2021	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	1,000
3266	08/06/2021	0	0	50	0	0	0	50
3300	04/09/2021	0	0	19,000	0	0	0	19,000
3488	08/27/2021	0	0	500	0	0	0	500
3533	11/23/2021	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	1,000
LWB Bond Funds	12/31/2021	1,889,398	0	0	0	0	0	1,889,398
UDAG PI	12/31/2021	970	0	0	0	0	0	970
Wells Fargo Payments	12/31/2021	103,696	0	0	0	0	0	103,696

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at begin-ning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			
Number	0	0	0			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired		0		0		
Businesses Displaced		0		0		
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0		0		
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0		0		
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	100	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	50	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	30	0
Total	180	0

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	130	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	20	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	30	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	180	0

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

Cuts to Federal funding and delays in distribution of that funding have created unanticipated difficulties and negatively impacted the ability of Augusta - Richmond County to meet the goals established in the Consolidated Plan. Additionally, Augusta Housing and Community Development (HCD) has experienced a change in senior leadership with a new Deputy Director and several changes to management staff during the 2021 program year. This has led to a refocusing of HCD's efforts to address affordable housing, economic development, homelessness and other special needs. As a result of these difficulties and with

consideration of some of the related augmentation to departmental strategies, there is a reduction of actual performance compared to the listed goals established in the FY2021-24 Consolidated Plan.

The City of Augusta substantially amended the current Consolidated Plan during the 2019 Program Year to refocus resources on the creation of Affordable Housing opportunities and Economic Development projects in low and moderate income areas of Augusta. This Substantial Amendment reflected a refocusing of HCD's efforts to address the most pressing and evolving needs of the citizenry of the local community. A second Substantial Amendment request will aim to reallocate prior year resources to address the underserved goals of Elimination of Slum and Blight conditions through Clearance and Demolition activities, while also increasing the access to affordable housing, both rental and homeownership, through additional Affordable Housing Activities. Continued investment in the community's locally owned small businesses will also be addressed through an expansion of the Department's Economic Development Micro Enterprise Training goals in the current Consolidated Planning Period.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

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Affordable housing production and acquisition rebounded in 2021 as the housing market continued to recover. Augusta - Richmond County's Homeowner Rehabilitation program continues to be a highly efficient application of CDBG funds for achieving the community housing priorities:

- Maintaining affordable housing
- Maintaining quality housing
- Reducing Blight
- Assisting Special Needs

The need for assistance is far greater than currently available resources. Most challenging is capacity to address major improvements such as roof repairs, which is the most critical measure for preserving housing by preventing water intrusion. Exterior paint improvements from the Emergency Paint program continue to be an effective tool for combating blight by improving the visual appearance of the neighborhood. Lead paint testing and lead safe procedures are a core component of preparing homes for paint and paint-disturbing repairs.

Qualifying potential homeowners for mortgages continues to be a challenge in the Augusta - Richmond County housing market. The customer pipeline from first contact to closing can be long, with many opportunities to find competitive alternatives in suburban markets. New clients are screened to categorize client readiness for a home purchase and offered assistance or directed to resources for addressing barriers to home ownership.

The public private partnerships generate effective earned-media attention for programs and home ownership opportunities. On the other hand, news reports of crime in neighborhoods with considerable HOME investment discourage newcomers and reinforce the historic perception on the area.

New infill housing funded with federal assistance is sustainably constructed to minimize environmental impacts and maximize indoor environmental quality and energy efficiency. These high performance homes offer lower operational cost for energy and maintenance, but cost more to build. A large portion of potential buyers purchase homes based on price per square foot or based on upgraded finishes they can see, rather than premium home performance systems such as spray-foam encapsulated attics, Energy STAR certified appliances and high efficiency lighting.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	0	1
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	0	1

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Homeless Outreach in Augusta-Richmond County is facilitated primarily through sponsored community outreach events, principally the Homeless Stand Down hosted in partnership between the local VA and Continuum of Care (CoC) membership, and the PATH Resource Fair, hosted by the community's PATH Outreach Team at Serenity Behavioral Health. Additional efforts at outreach and engagement occur periodically through events like the annual Point-in-Time Count, and on an on-going basis by the day-to-day activities of the PATH Outreach Team from Serenity.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

People become homeless for a number of reasons including evictions, inability to pay rent, health problems, domestic violence and family conflicts, substance abuse issues, poverty and unemployment, inadequate supply of affordable housing, physical and mental disabilities and inadequate institutional discharge policies and procedures.

The City of Augusta continues to provide CDBG and ESG funds annually to agencies carrying out homelessness prevention activities. Funds were provided to Action Ministries, East Augusta CDC, CSRA EOA, Hope House, SAFE Homes of Augusta, Salvation Army, St, Stephens Ministries and United Way to provide rental assistance to homeless persons to prevent eviction.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

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provide rental assistance to homeless persons to prevent eviction or rapidly rehouse person who are evicted.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The Salvation Army has a Housing Coordinator who assists residents in locating housing. Action Ministries employs a Home Search Coordinator that assists homeless individuals in locating housing. Also, Action Ministries provides furniture items to registered agencies and individuals to assist with the furnishings of their residences.

CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Beulah Grove Resource Center, Salvation Army and SAFE Homes assist individuals and families with rental and utility deposits and at times transportation assistance. Emergency Solutions Grant and Community Development Block Grant funds were provided to the aforementioned agencies to assist with the operation of their programs.

The Housing Authority extends priority status in its public housing programs to homeless persons in transition. Recent developments in partnership with local permanent supportive housing providers centered on the development of a "Moving On strategy" project to produce higher placement rates in the immediate future.

Goodwill Industries also operates three local facilities providing job training and job placement services to homeless persons seeking employment

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Augusta Housing Authority is an independent public corporation, funded primarily by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Housing Authority is not a City Department; therefore, the actions that they may take to foster public housing improvements and improve resident initiatives to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership are limited within the scope of this plan.

The Housing Authority currently operates and maintains thirteen (13) public housing developments in Augusta-Richmond County. Together, these properties house 4,967 people in 2,128 living units. In addition, the PHA administers another 3,674 units under the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Program located on scattered sites throughout the city. The 3,674 units consists of 3,579 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and 95 HUD-VASH Vouchers with a total resident count of 11,238 family members during Fiscal Year 2021.

The quality of the housing units owned by the Authority is good and maintenance is excellent. Relating to this, the evaluation method used by HUD for judging the successful operation of a housing authority is the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). The Augusta Housing Authority continually has a high performing status for both their Section 8 (SEMAP) and Public Housing Programs.

The annual budget for the Housing Authority exceeds \$20 million and includes expenditures to operate and maintain the public housing projects, provide housing assistance payments to Section 8 program participants, make capital improvements, provide security and other community services, and overall administration of the program. The Public Housing Program is divided in four (4) areas which consist of: Allen Homes, MM Scott, Oak Pointe, Cherry Tree Crossing, Peabody Apartments, Hal Powell, Ervin Towers, Olmstead Homes, Jennings Place, Dogwood Terrace, Barton Village (some areas), 12 units at Legacy at Walton Oaks and Overlook Apartments.

Actions taken to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Housing Authority strives to continue to improve resident initiatives through innovation in program design, adding new programs through special grant programs and maintaining a close relationship with the residents. The Authority continues to build new partnerships and seek new resources in the local community as well as nationwide.

It offers the Section 8(y) Homeownership Program to its residents. This program is designed to promote and support homeownership for first-time homebuyers and allows one of more family members to purchase a house. The program permits participants who meet the general requirements for admission into the public housing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program the option of purchasing a home with their assistance rather than renting.

The Authority provides academic assistance to youth and adults living in public housing. Each year, the Authority provides scholarships to resident youth and adults that will attend either college or technical school. In addition the Authority offers after-school tutoring programs a GED program for adults, an adult literacy program, special tutoring in math and reading for the youth and a Neighborhood Networks Center where residents can have access to computers, the internet and additional training.

The Authority works closely with residents who experience special problems. A drug abuse counselor assists residents with drug treatment and counseling. Provisions are made for the senior residents as well. Specific events for the seniors include Senior Health Fairs and Screenings, a Senior Olympics, an Old Fashioned Costume party and holiday activities. A Senior Services Coordinator is employed to provide a number of activities including case management. A partnership with JWC Helping Hand, which received a ROSS (Resident Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency) grant, provides a variety of services for the senior and disabled residents. Included are home care and assistance from housekeeping aides.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The Augusta Housing Authority is not considered a "troubled" PHA.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The cost of housing and incentives to develop, maintain and improve affordable housing are all affected by public policies. Augusta Housing and Community Development understands that certain public policies can, at times, create barriers to housing affordability through increases in cost of housing and other related factors. Through AHCD's efforts to ameliorate those barriers, efforts are regularly made to engage local officials in educational opportunities to better understand the barriers that public policy can create and offer insights as to how these policies can be reassessed to meet the needs of the low-income residents of the community.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Augusta - Richmond County is continuing in its effort to remove obstacles to meeting under-served needs throughout the community. Underserved needs for low income persons in Augusta include but are not limited to: Housing, Special Needs of the Non-Homeless, Homelessness, Non-Housing Community Development Needs (Public Facilities, Public Services, Infrastructure, Education, Public Safety, Economic Development and Workforce Development). To meet these needs, many obstacles exist.

Funding remains the largest obstacle to meeting under-served needs. To address this issue, the City leverages its limited resources by encouraging partnerships among the many nonprofit and for-profit organizations and urges them to apply to HUD, other Federal agencies, the State and foundations for resources.

Additionally, the City has made a commitment to budget CDBG funds at the maximum allowable for public services activities to offer citizens much needed programs and services in the area of literacy, youth activities, senior services, violence prevention, meals and transportation for the homeless, health care assistance for low income families.

Unmet housing needs are addressed through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program, Emergency Repair Program, Paint Program and new construction of housing by the local CHDOs and other developers.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

As part of Augusta - Richmond County's strategy to address the obstacles to meeting the needs of the underserved population of the local community, Augusta - Richmond County through Augusta Housing

and Community Development (AHCD) directs resources to local community programs in targeted re-development areas. AHCD annually provides local community organizations with resources to carry out the objectives listed in the community's Consolidated Plan. These funds are used for various community services including after-school programs, workforce development, elderly care, housing rehabilitation, rent support and assistance and many others.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The primary purpose of the City's programs is to reduce the number of persons and families living in poverty by providing social and economic opportunities via development, housing, social services and other activities that provide lower income persons an opportunity to improve their living standards. The primary goal of all the projects funded during program year 2021 was to reduce poverty in the local community.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The Housing and Community Development Department administers the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA Programs. This department continually forms new partnerships with local nonprofit organizations, developers, the private sector and other local resources to implement the Consolidated Plan. Housing efforts are coordinated through five (5) CHDOs, Antioch Ministries, 30901 Development Corporation, East Augusta CDC, Laney-Walker Development Corporation and Promise Land CDC; and three (3) non-profits, Augusta Neighborhood Improvement Corporation, South Augusta Redevelopment and Sand Hills Urban Development. Fair housing issues are handled by HCD and HUD. The Augusta Continuum of Care system is coordinated by the City with the assistance of homeless providers.

CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds are provided to non-profits through a competitive application process. The coordination of multiple funding sources allows for better coordination and usage of limited funding resources to meet the variety of needs of low income individuals and families. The City's HCD Department takes the lead to ensure appropriate coordination of the following:

- Providing technical assistance to potential sub-recipients.
- Carry out the statutory requirements of the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA programs.
- Encourage local financial institutions to become partners in affordable housing projects.
- Manage planning studies for neighborhoods.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

As grantee and recipient of Emergency Solution Grant funds, Augusta - Richmond County, through its sub-recipient Partner Agencies, assists individuals at risk of homelessness by providing financial assistance for rent, moving and utility assistance.

During the 2021 Program Year, Augusta-Richmond County continued to coordinate its efforts with that of the local Public Housing Authority, Augusta Housing Authority, and the local social service Partner Agencies within the local Continuum of Care (GA-504). Also during 2021, the City continued to encourage its sub-recipients to consolidate funding applications to ensure a more cohesive service delivery.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The Grantee (HCD) shall work over the course of the next several fiscal years to effectively address those ailments and impediments outlined in the A&I Study. However, the Grantee shall continue to actively seek a Fair Housing entity to assist with providing directions in how to implement a fair housing program and how to get the local stakeholders involved and provide educational information to residents about fair housing and guidance on how to file housing discrimination claims.

Additionally, the Grantee has worked to enhance first-time homebuyer training programs that are within the domain of the Housing and Community Development Department:

- Promote outreach and education related to credit for prospective homebuyers. Include enhanced financial literacy for senior high school students.
- Address establishment and wise use of good credit, including a discussion that educates prospective credit consumers about predatory lending practices
- Identify the attributes of predatory loans
- Create list of lenders that have targeted Augusta, Georgia citizens with predatory mortgages

The Grantee has continued to attend first time homebuyer classes and work with housing counseling agencies to find the best way to implement an education component to syllabus. The purpose of this section will be to educate potential homebuyers on the importance of maintaining good credit and avoid predatory lending practices.

AHCD has held meetings to discuss fair housing and affordable housing. Meetings were held with the local housing nonprofits and CHDOs, public hearings, weekly real estate meetings, and monthly neighborhood association meetings. Staff members from HOME and CDBG programs continue to discuss ways to reach out to various groups and entities regarding fair housing education.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements. The City currently uses various administrative mechanisms to track and monitor the progress of HUD-funded projects that are under its control and jurisdiction. The goal is to ensure that Consolidated Plan related programs and activities are carried out in a timely manner in accordance with federal regulations and other statutory or regulatory requirements. The primary monitoring goals of the City is to provide technical assistance, identify deficiencies and promote corrections in order to improve, reinforce or augment the community's Consolidated Plan performance.

The City of Augusta monitors all CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA sub-recipient activities as required by HUD in accordance with the agreement between the agency and the City. Sub-recipients are required to submit monthly and annual program and financial reports to facilitate monitoring. Site visits are conducted at least twice a year and an in-depth monitoring is conducted once a year. Annual monitoring includes ensuring that the sub-recipients, including Community Housing Development Organizations, comply with the terms of their agreements, including income and client eligibility, rents, reporting requirements, timeliness, sales prices, values, property standards, affirmative marketing, periods of affordability, relocation and fair housing. For established agencies, the City may choose to conduct a desk monitoring for agencies providing public services.

Once the on-site annual monitoring is complete, the monitor prepares a formal written letter describing the results of the visit, which may include recognition of strengths and weaknesses, findings and/or concerns. If a finding is issued, the monitoring follow-up letter identifies a deadline for when the issues must be corrected. A written record, which includes the completed monitoring checklist and the follow-up letter are kept on file with the sub-recipient's grant agreement and reports.

Other efforts include ongoing communication with sub-recipients through the provision of on-site technical assistance. Frequent telephone contacts, written communications, analysis of reports and annual audits, administrative and environmental guidance by City staff provide a basis for review and monitoring.

City staff is also responsible for monitoring Federal Labor Standards requirements (Davis-Bacon, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, etc.) on an on-going basis. In addition, the City's Internal Auditor conducts an annual audit of programs and activities that are covered by the Federal Labor Standards and administered by the City.

The City of Augusta performed an on-site in-depth annual monitoring of CDBG, ESG and HOPWA public service agencies, public facilities and Facades. Also, monitoring was conducted monitoring on five (5) Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and three (3) non-profit organizations – concerns, if any, were addressed and corrected.

Of the public service agencies monitored, ongoing problems that the City encounters are the slow expenditure of funds and tardiness in submitting progress reports. For housing organizations, timely expenditure of funds and selling of houses are noted concerns.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

Augusta – Richmond County carefully follows the process that is outlined in the City of Augusta's Housing and Community Development Department's Citizen Participation Plan. Within the Augusta – Richmond County Consolidated Plan Submission for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Programs (CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA), the Citizen Participation Plan is designed to ensure citizen involvement. Augusta – Richmond County complies with the HUD citizen participation requirements listed in the code of federal regulations at 24CFR91.105. The draft CAPER was made available at the Augusta Housing and Community Development Department office, in addition to being published on the City's website. Notification of the draft FY2021 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) and its availability for review were published in Augusta's recognized legal organ, the Augusta Chronicle, on December 15, 2022.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There are no changes in Augusta's program objectives to report.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

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CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

AHCD inspects all rental projects annually. There are currently six HOME rental projects and all except one has been inspected. The final unit is scheduled to be inspected in April.

All inspected units were deemed to be in compliance with Housing Quality Standards. The review of tenant files demonstrated compliance with HOME rent and income certification requirements and documentation. Review of management practices also appear to be in compliance with HOME requirements, including Tenant Selection Plan, Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan and Waiting List.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

Augusta - Richmond County, through Augusta Housing and Community Development (AHCD), affirmatively markets its housing to all eligible income groups; applicants will not be steered to a particular site based solely on the household's income. AHCD works with local non-profit and for-profit organizations and we ensure that all applicable Fair Housing laws are followed. AHCD utilizes traditional media outreach and online/social media tactics that work in tandem to enhance each other. One of the best practices utilized thus far is personal testimonials from previous homeowners/renters.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics.

PY2021 Home Program Income received = \$409,142.32 - \$5000 drawn against 2013 program year and \$26,750.93 drawn against 2014 program year, leaving a balance of \$377,391.39. Additional transactions have been registered in Augusta-Richmond County's General Ledger but not reflected in IDIS totaling \$1,374.41. Please see the Chart labeled 2021 HOME Program Income Reconciliation Chart for further detail.

PY2021 HOME Program Income expended = \$49,398.08. In Program Year 2021, HOME Program Income was appropriated to 8 HOME projects.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES

ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing).
91.320(j)

N/A

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CR-55 - HOPWA 91.520(e)

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Table for report on the one-year goals for the number of households provided housing through the use of HOPWA activities for: short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments to prevent homelessness of the individual or family; tenant-based rental assistance; and units provided in housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds.

Number of Households Served Through:	One-year Goal	Actual
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	200	0
Tenant-based rental assistance	50	0
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	2	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0	0

Table 14 – HOPWA Number of Households Served

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CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps*

For Paperwork Reduction Act

1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

Basic Grant Information

Recipient Name	AUGUSTA
Organizational DUNS Number	073438418
EIN/TIN Number	582204274
Identify the Field Office	ATLANTA
Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance	Augusta CoC

ESG Contact Name

Prefix	Mr
First Name	DANIEL
Middle Name	J
Last Name	EVANS
Suffix	0
Title	Community Development Manager

ESG Contact Address

Street Address 1	510 Fenwick Street
Street Address 2	0
City	Augusta
State	GA
ZIP Code	30901-
Phone Number	7068211797
Extension	2886
Fax Number	7064693349
Email Address	DEVANS2@AUGUSTA.GOV

ESG Secondary Contact

Prefix	Ms
First Name	Shauntia
Last Name	Lewis
Suffix	0
Title	Deputy Director
Phone Number	7068211797
Extension	2868
Email Address	slewis@augustaga.gov

2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date	01/01/2021
Program Year End Date	12/31/2021

3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient

Subrecipient or Contractor Name
City
State
Zip Code
DUNS Number
Is subrecipient a victim services provider
Subrecipient Organization Type
ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount

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CR-65 - Persons Assisted

4. Persons Served

4a. Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 16 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

4b. Complete for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 17 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

4c. Complete for Shelter

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 18 – Shelter Information

4d. Street Outreach

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 19 – Household Information for Street Outreach

4e. Totals for all Persons Served with ESG

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 20 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG

5. Gender—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Male	
Female	
Transgender	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 21 – Gender Information

6. Age—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Under 18	
18-24	
25 and over	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 22 – Age Information

7. Special Populations Served—Complete for All Activities

Number of Persons in Households				
Subpopulation	Total	Total Persons Served – Prevention	Total Persons Served – RRH	Total Persons Served in Emergency Shelters
Veterans				
Victims of Domestic Violence				
Elderly				
HIV/AIDS				
Chronically Homeless				
Persons with Disabilities:				
Severely Mentally Ill				
Chronic Substance Abuse				
Other Disability				
Total (unduplicated if possible)				

Table 23 – Special Population Served

CR-70 – ESG 91.520(g) - Assistance Provided and Outcomes

10. Shelter Utilization

Number of New Units - Rehabbed	0
Number of New Units - Conversion	0
Total Number of bed-nights available	43,800
Total Number of bed-nights provided	40,500
Capacity Utilization	92.47%

Table 24 – Shelter Capacity

11. Project Outcomes Data measured under the performance standards developed in consultation with the CoC(s)

Augusta - Richmond County's Performance Data, which was developed in consultation with the local Continuum of Care (GA-504), is as follows:

Performance Measures:

- Homeless Prevention Goal: Total unduplicated count of persons receiving rent assistance: 78
- Project Outcome Data: 78 persons received rent assistant during program year 2021

Performance Measures:

- Homeless Shelter Goal: Total unduplicated count of persons receiving overnight shelter: 1798
- Project Outcome Data: 1798 persons received overnight shelter during program year 2021.

CR-75 – Expenditures

11. Expenditures

11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2018	2021	2021
Expenditures for Rental Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services			
Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program			
Subtotal Homelessness Prevention			

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2018	2021	2021
Expenditures for Rental Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services			
Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under Emergency Shelter Grants Program			
Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing			

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2018	2021	2021
Essential Services			
Operations			
Renovation			
Major Rehab			
Conversion			
Subtotal			

Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter**11d. Other Grant Expenditures**

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2018	2021	2021
Street Outreach			
HMIS			
Administration			

Table 28 - Other Grant Expenditures**11e. Total ESG Grant Funds**

Total ESG Funds Expended	2018	2021	2021

Table 29 - Total ESG Funds Expended**11f. Match Source**

	2018	2021	2021
Other Non-ESG HUD Funds			
Other Federal Funds			
State Government			
Local Government			
Private Funds			
Other			
Fees			
Program Income			
Total Match Amount			

Table 30 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities**11g. Total**

Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities	2018	2021	2021

Table 31 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities

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